

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	No. 09-2101JCE-01
)	
KAREN L. ROBINETT,)	
)	
Defendant .)	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Upon motion of the United States and order of the Court, a psychiatric/psychological examination was conducted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 4241(b) and 4247(b). After the appropriate report was filed, this matter was called for a hearing. The defendant, accompanied by her appointed counsel David Mercer, Assistant Federal Public Defender, appeared personally, through videoconferencing. The United States was represented by Douglas C. Bunch, Assistant United States Attorney. The Forensic Psychological Report prepared pursuant to this Court's order was received in evidence. The defendant testified that she had no idea what the hearing was about, and that despite the fact that she has appeared in Court and has been subject to the evaluation, she had never heard of the criminal case until now. The conclusion of the experts, who evaluated defendant, was that she is incompetent to stand trial.

In view of her testimony and the conclusions of the experts, it is

RECOMMENDED that the defendant be found by a preponderance of the evidence to be presently suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering her mentally incompetent to the

extent that she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against her or to assist properly in her defense. It is further

RECOMMENDED that the defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §4241(d)(1) for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed four months.

/s/ James C. England
JAMES C. ENGLAND, CHIEF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Date: August 18, 2009